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1. WE WERE UNABLE TO REACH APPROPRIATE FONOFF
OFFICIALS OVER WEEKEND, BUT TALKED WITH THEM
MONDAY MORNING. AT THAT TIME, THEY WERE STILL
UNAWARE OF SCHEDULED MONDAY EVENING PERMREPS
MEETING. WE EMPHASIZED AGAIN IMPORTANCE OF
IMPROVING EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL SINCE IT UNACCEPTABLE
TO U.S. IN PRESENT FORM. AFTER TELEPHONIC DIS-
CUSSION WITH ITS BRUSSELS MISSION, FONOFF TOLD
US FOLLOWING:

A. FONOFF STANDING INSTRUCTION TO DANISH
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PERMREP PERMIT MAXIMUM LATITUDE IN MOVING AS FAR

TOWARD U.S. OFFER AS POSSIBLE.

B. DURING LAST WEEK'S PERMREPS MEETINGS, DENMARK WAS IN LINE WITH UK, FRG, IRELAND AND NETHERLANDS IN SUPPORTING BEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO U.S. OFFER.

C. DANISH PERMREP WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN IMPROVEMENT IN COMMISSION PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY IN TOBACCO, AT APRIL 29 MEETING, BUT BELIEVES EXISTING INTRA-EC DIFFERENCES WILL MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON ANYTHING BEYOND PRESENT COMMISSION PROPOSAL--AND THAT ONLY AFTER MUCH EFFORT. HE BELIEVES MONDAY EVENING PERMREPS DISCUSSION WILL BE INCONCLUSIVE AND THAT ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE CALLED FOR NEXT THURSDAY.

2. COMMENT: FONOFF OFFICIALS WERE DISTURBED OVER REPORT RECEIVED FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OVER WEEKEND THAT USG HAS IMPRESSION THAT DENMARK TOOK SOFT LINE IN LAST WEEK'S PERMREPS DISCUSSIONS. THEY REITERATED THAT DENMARK WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT U.S. OFFER FULLY AND HAS MAINTAINED THIS POSITION IN EC DISCUSSIONS. THEY, HOWEVER, FEEL THAT COMMISSION PROPOSAL OFFERS ONLY REALISTIC COMPROMISE GOAL AMONG EC MEMBER STATES. AT OUR URGING, AND WITH CAVEAT ON UNACCEPTABILITY TO U.S. OF COMMISSION PROPOSAL, THEY AGREED TO TRY ONCE MORE TO OBTAIN AN IMPROVEMENT IN COMMISSION OFFER BUT CLEARLY WERE NOT SANGUINE OVER OUTCOME.
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